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To promote youth entrepreneurship education.

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Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To promote youth entrepreneurship education.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EMPOWERING FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS.**

4 Title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education
5 Act of 1965 is amended—

6 (1) by striking the title heading and inserting
7 the following:

1 **“TITLE V—PROMOTING EQUITY**
2 **AND EMPOWERMENT”**; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new part:

4 **“PART D—EMPOWERING FUTURE**
5 **ENTREPRENEURS**

6 **“SEC. 5401. SHORT TITLE AND FINDINGS.**

7 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This part may be cited as the
8 “Future Entrepreneurs of America Act”.

9 “(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

10 “(1) In order to reach their career goals in our
11 dynamic American economy, young people need to
12 take personal responsibility to obtain the skills,
13 knowledge, constructive attitudes, and experiences
14 that will enable them to function as creative, self-
15 confident participants in the workforce.

16 “(2) Research has found that 69 percent of
17 high school students are interested in starting their
18 own businesses and 85 percent of such students wish
19 their schools would do more to provide experiences
20 in entrepreneurship and starting a business.

21 “(3) States have begun to express increased in-
22 terest in entrepreneurship education. State edu-
23 cational leaders are recognizing that self-employment
24 is a viable career option for young people and are

1 exploring ways to better prepare them to own and
2 operate their own businesses.

3 “(4) As part of a lifelong learning process, en-
4 trepreneurship education helps to increase the moti-
5 vation of young people to learn, helps them develop
6 a sense of individual opportunity, enhances their
7 personal growth, helps them develop an appreciation
8 of the importance of innovation, helps develop their
9 problem solving and leadership skills, helps them
10 learn to manage their finances, and helps them de-
11 velop the sort of optimistic outlook and self-reliant
12 attitudes that will benefit them for their entire work-
13 ing lives.

14 “(5) Entrepreneurship education integrates in-
15 struction in economic literacy, including how the
16 economy functions, the workings of the social secu-
17 rity system, and the importance of personal savings.

18 “(6) The entrepreneurs and inventors of tomor-
19 row are in our schools today. The entrepreneurial
20 spirit needs to be nurtured at all levels of our Na-
21 tion’s educational system beginning with students in
22 grades 7 through 12.

23 **“SEC. 5402. STATE GRANT PROGRAM.**

24 “(a) AUTHORITY.—In any fiscal year in which the ap-
25 propriations under section 5408(a) equal or exceed

1 \$50,000,000, the Secretary shall make grants to States
2 from allocations under subsection (d) to enable them to
3 carry out entrepreneurship education programs for stu-
4 dents in grades 7 through 12.

5 “(b) AGENCY TO RECEIVE GRANT.—A grant award
6 to a State under subsection (a) shall be made to the State
7 educational agency.

8 “(c) STATE PLAN.—

9 “(1) APPROVED STATE PLAN REQUIRED.—No
10 State shall receive a grant under subsection (a) un-
11 less it has submitted to the Secretary a plan, which
12 the Secretary has approved.

13 “(2) STATE PLAN CONTENTS.—The State plan
14 described in paragraph (1) shall include—

15 “(A) a description of how the State will
16 use a grant;

17 “(B) a description of how the programs
18 supported by a grant will—

19 “(i) involve the business community;
20 and

21 “(ii) be coordinated with other rel-
22 evant Federal, State, regional, and local
23 programs; and

24 “(C) a description of how the State will
25 evaluate program performance.

1 “(d) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

2 “(1) ALLOCATION FACTORS.—Except as other-
3 wise provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall
4 allocate the amounts made available to carry out
5 this section pursuant to subsection (a) to each State
6 according to the relative populations in all the States
7 of students in grades 7 through 12, as determined
8 by the Secretary based on the most recent satisfac-
9 tory data.

10 “(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Subject to the
11 availability of appropriations and notwithstanding
12 paragraph (1), a State that has submitted an ap-
13 proved plan under subsection (c) shall be allocated
14 an amount not less than \$400,000 for a fiscal year.

15 “(3) REALLOCATION.—In any fiscal year an al-
16 location under this subsection—

17 “(A) for a State that has not submitted a
18 plan under subsection (c); or

19 “(B) for a State whose plan submitted
20 under subsection (c) has been disapproved by
21 the Secretary;

22 shall be reallocated to the remaining States in ac-
23 cordance with paragraph (1).

24 “(e) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

1 “(1) REQUIRED USES.—A grant made to a
2 State under subsection (a) shall be used—

3 “(A) to provide funds to local educational
4 agencies and public schools to carry out entre-
5 preneurship education programs for students in
6 grades 7 through 12 based on the concept of
7 lifelong learning necessary to encourage the en-
8 trepreneurial spirit; and

9 “(B) to monitor and evaluate programs
10 supported under subparagraph (A).

11 “(2) PERMISSIBLE USE.—A grant made to a
12 State under subsection (a) may be used for profes-
13 sional development that helps to prepare teachers
14 and administrators for entrepreneurial education.

15 “(3) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—
16 A State receiving a grant under subsection (a) may
17 use not more than 4 percent of the total amount of
18 the grant in each fiscal year for the administrative
19 costs of carrying out this section.

20 “(f) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—Each agency re-
21 ceiving a grant as described in subsection (b) shall trans-
22 mit a report to the Secretary with respect to each fiscal
23 year for which a grant was received. The report shall de-
24 scribe the programs supported by the grant and the re-

1 sults of the State’s monitoring and evaluation of such pro-
2 grams.

3 **“SEC. 5403. DIRECT LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 “In any fiscal year in which the appropriations under
5 section 5408(a) are less than \$50,000,000, the Secretary
6 may make grants directly to local educational agencies and
7 public schools to provide entrepreneurship education to
8 students in grades 7 through 12.

9 **“SEC. 5404. CLEARINGHOUSE.**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary shall make a grant
11 to or execute a contract with an organization or institution
12 with substantial experience in the field of entrepreneurship
13 education to establish, operate, and maintain a national
14 clearinghouse (in this part referred to as the “Clearing-
15 house”) for instructional materials and information re-
16 garding exemplary entrepreneurship education programs
17 and best practices.

18 “(b) **APPLICATION.**—An organization or institution
19 desiring to establish, operate, and maintain the Clearing-
20 house shall submit an application to the Secretary at such
21 time, in such manner, and accompanied by such informa-
22 tion, as the Secretary may reasonably require.

23 “(c) **BASIS AND TERM.**—The Secretary shall make
24 the grant or contract authorized by subsection (a) on a
25 competitive, merit basis for a term of 5 years.

1 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—The Clearinghouse shall use
2 the funds provided under a grant or contract made under
3 subsection (a)—

4 “(1) to maintain a repository of instructional
5 materials and related information regarding entre-
6 preneurship education programs for secondary
7 schools, including middle schools, for use by States,
8 localities, and the general public;

9 “(2) to disseminate to States, localities, and the
10 general public, through electronic and other means,
11 instructional materials and related information re-
12 garding entrepreneurship education programs for
13 secondary schools, including middle schools; and

14 “(3) to the extent that resources allow, to pro-
15 vide technical assistance to States, localities, and the
16 general public on the design, establishment, and im-
17 plementation of entrepreneurship education pro-
18 grams for secondary schools, including middle
19 schools.

20 “(e) CONSULTATION.—The Clearinghouse shall con-
21 sult with the Small Business Administration with respect
22 to its activities under subsection (d).

23 “(f) SUBMISSION TO CLEARINGHOUSE.—Each Fed-
24 eral agency or department that develops entrepreneurship
25 education programs or instructional materials for such

1 programs shall submit to the Clearinghouse information
2 on the programs and copies of the materials.

3 “(g) APPLICATION OF COPYRIGHT LAWS.—In car-
4 rying out this section the Clearinghouse shall ensure com-
5 pliance with title 17, United States Code.

6 **“SEC. 5405. EVALUATION.**

7 “(a) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The Secretary
8 shall develop measures to evaluate the performance of pro-
9 grams assisted under sections 5402 and 5403.

10 “(b) EVALUATION ACCORDING TO PERFORMANCE
11 MEASURES.—Applying the performance measures devel-
12 oped under subsection (a), the Secretary shall evaluate
13 programs assisted under sections 5402 and 5403—

14 “(1) to judge their performance and effective-
15 ness;

16 “(2) to identify which of the programs rep-
17 resent the best practices of entities developing entre-
18 preneurship education programs for students in
19 grades 7 through 12; and

20 “(3) to identify which of the programs can be
21 replicated and used to provide technical assistance to
22 States, localities, and the general public.

23 **“SEC. 5406. REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.**

24 “For each fiscal year for which there are appropria-
25 tions under section 5408(a), the Secretary shall transmit

1 a report to the Congress describing the status of the im-
2 plementation of this part. The report shall include the re-
3 sults of the evaluation required by section 5405 and a de-
4 scription of the programs supported under sections 5402
5 and 5403.

6 **“SEC. 5407. DEFINITIONS.**

7 “In this part—

8 “(1) the term ‘entrepreneurship education’
9 means educational activities and experiences,
10 planned and supervised by qualified teachers, that
11 enable students to explore business ownership oppor-
12 tunities, acquire the skills and knowledge necessary
13 to start a business, and develop a range of entrepre-
14 neurial competencies that will help them to explore
15 and identify their lifelong career goals as business
16 owners or as competent employees; and

17 “(2) the term ‘qualified teacher’ means a teach-
18 er who holds a valid teaching certification or is con-
19 sidered to be qualified by the State educational
20 agency in the State in which the teacher works.

21 **“SEC. 5408. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purposes of carrying
23 out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated
24 \$60,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999 through
25 2004.

1 “(b) LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR CLEARING-
2 HOUSE.—The Secretary may use not less than 2 percent
3 and not more than 5 percent of amounts appropriated
4 under subsection (a) for each fiscal year to carry out sec-
5 tion 5404.

6 “(c) LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR SECRETARY’S
7 EVALUATION.—The Secretary may use not more than
8 \$200,000 from the amounts appropriated under sub-
9 section (a) for each fiscal year to carry out section 5405.

10 “(d) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Ex-
11 cept as necessary to carry out section 5405 using amounts
12 described in subsection (c), the Secretary shall not use any
13 portion of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)
14 for the costs of administering this part.

15 “(e) FUNDS FOR GRANTS.—For each fiscal year the
16 Secretary shall use all amounts appropriated under sub-
17 section (a), other than the amounts described in sub-
18 sections (b) and (c), only for grants under section 5402
19 or 5403.”.

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